

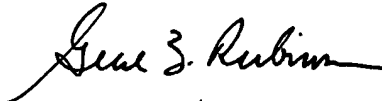
**REMARKS**

Claim 12 is the sole remaining pending claim. In response to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed August 24, 2006, claim 12 are amended and claims 1, 4 through 7 and 11 are cancelled. No new matter has been presented as claim 12 merely has been rewritten in independent form to include the recitation of now cancelled parent claim 1.

Objection was made to claim 12 in the final Office Action of January 24, 2005 solely for its dependent status. Claim 12 otherwise was held to be allowable. Allowance of claim 12 and the application are respectfully solicited. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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